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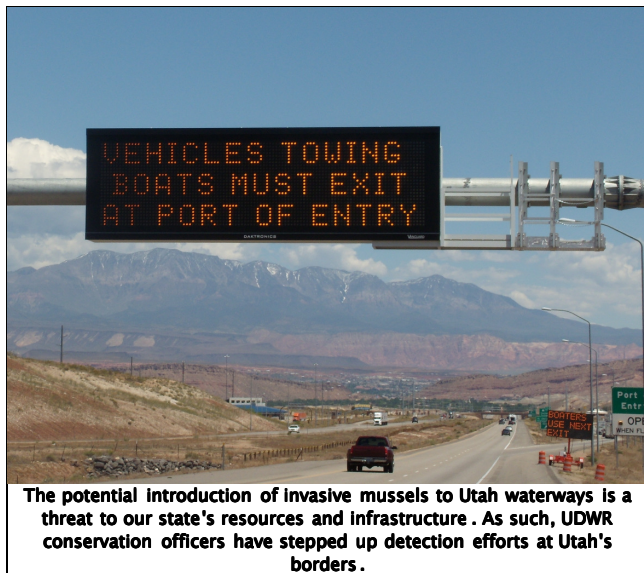
AIS Checkpoint at Echo Port of Entry on Interstate 80

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Summit County -

Conservation Officers with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources conducted an administrative checkpoint on July 29, 2011 at the Echo Port of Entry in Summit County. Watercraft being transported westbound on Interstate 80 were inspected for the presence of aquatic invasive species, specifically Quagga and Zebra Mussels.

UDWR law enforcement section chief Mike Fowlks states, "Quagga mussels are not simply a threat to Utah's fisheries. Mussels can seriously degrade the capabilities of water distribution systems. In a desert environment, they are everyone's problem. Keeping Utah mussel-free is a high priority with our agency; and we appreciate the public's understanding of the threat we face and their support of our ongoing efforts. We would particularly like to thank the Utah Department of Transportation for their support in this endeavor."



The Division of Wildlife Resources takes the protection of Utah waterways and infrastructure seriously. As such, inspection efforts have been prioritized at our borders have expanded in 2011.

A total of 34 watercraft were inspected as a result of the effort. Three citations were issued for various violations of Title 23, Utah Wildlife Code. Thankfully, no Aquatic Invasive Species were detected during the course of the operation.

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